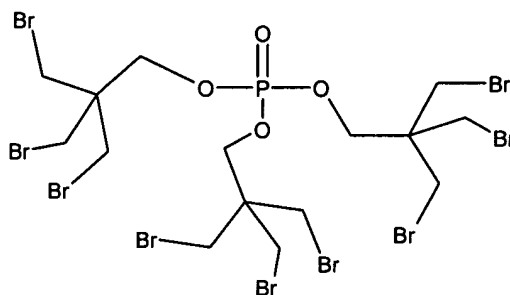


Remarks

Claims 1, 16 and 17 are amended.

Claims 1, 7, 12-17 and 20 are pending and are under consideration.

The present claims are amended to replace "tris[3-bromo-2,2-(bromomethyl)propyl] phosphate" with "tribromopentylphosphate". Support is found in working Examples E1-E5, bottom page 60 of the disclosure. These two names represent the same compound. The prior is the IUPAC name and the latter is an abbreviated shortcut name. FR 370, tribromopentylphosphate, on page 60 is equivalent to PB 370, tris[3-bromo-2,2-(bromomethyl)propyl] phosphate, second full paragraph of page 35. FR 370 is available from Dead Sea Bromine and PB 370 is from FMC. The structure is:



No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 7, 12-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 99/00450 in view of Galbo, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,096,950 and WO 01/90113.

Applicants respectfully rebut these rejections.

The Examiner states, in "Response to Arguments" that comparative data in the specification indicates unexpected results for where component (ii) is decabromodiphenyl ether but does not support unexpected results for where component (ii) is tris[3-bromo-2,2-(bromomethyl)propyl] phosphate. As tris[3-bromo-2,2-(bromomethyl)propyl] phosphate is equivalent to tribromopentylphosphate, the comparative data does in fact fully support the present claims. In any

event, the present claims have been amended to be consistent with the disclosure of working Examples E1-E4 on pages 60-62.

The discussion of the surprising results supporting the present claims is found in the prior Amendment filed August 4, 2006.

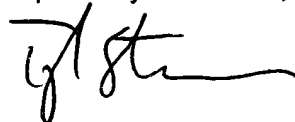
In view of the present amendments, the above remarks and the discussion in the August 4, 2006 response, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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